



## SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

## OPEN FIRE PERMIT

(Rule 444, LE-5 and California Campfire Permit Compliant)

## PERMIT MUST REMAIN AT THE PERMITTED LOCATION AT ALL TIMES WHILE BURNING

## AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT DISTRICT HAVING JURISDICTION

☐ South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD)  
Permitting - (909) 396-2583 or [www.aqmd.gov](http://www.aqmd.gov)  
SCAQMD Burn Status - <https://ssl.arb.ca.gov/pfirs/cb3/cb3.php?id=14>  
(All valley and mountain areas, excluding Wrightwood)

☐ Mojave Desert Air Quality Management District (MDAQMD)  
Permitting - (760) 245-1661 or [www.mdaqmd.ca.gov](http://www.mdaqmd.ca.gov)  
MDAQMD Burn Status - <https://ssl.arb.ca.gov/pfirs/cb3/cb3.php?id=12>  
(All desert regions including South Desert and River, also includes Summit Valley, West Cajon Valley and Wrightwood)

This permit is valid ONLY on those days during which burning is NOT suspended by the District, the State Air Resources Board or other agency having jurisdiction.

This permit is valid ONLY for the fire type(s) listed on this permit and ONLY for the location listed on this permit.

OPEN FIRES MAY ONLY BE KINDLED ON THE PROPERTY OF THE PERMITTEE UNLESS WRITTEN PERMISSION IS OBTAINED FROM THE PROPERTY OWNER.

PERMITTED OPEN FIRES SHALL BE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE CONDITIONS SPECIFIC TO THE FIRE TYPE AS LISTED ON THE REVERSE OF THIS PERMIT.

OPEN FIRES KINDLED WITHIN THE JURISDICTION OF ANOTHER AGENCY (USFS - WITHIN THE FOREST, CALFIRE - WITHIN STATE RESPONSIBILITY AREAS, BLM - WITHIN BLM LANDS) SHALL ALSO MEET THE CONDITIONS AND PERMITTING REQUIREMENTS OF THOSE AGENCIES, IF ANY.

## PERMITTEE INFORMATION

LAST NAME (or Agency)	FIRST NAME (or Agency Contact)	PHONE NUMBER	EMAIL ADDRESS
MAILING ADDRESS		COMMUNITY	STATE ZIP CODE

## BURN LOCATION INFORMATION

ADDRESS (If same as above, enter "SAA")	LOCATION (If no address)
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## PROPERTY OWNER INFORMATION (If different than Permittee)

PROPERTY OWNER LAST NAME	PROPERTY OWNER FIRST NAME	PROPERTY OWNER PHONE NUMBER	WRITTEN PERMISSION PROVIDED?
			ATTACHED TO PERMIT

## BURN INFORMATION

(Only the fire types listed under the specific Air Quality Management District are allowed in that District)

Bonfires (ANY fire with a fuel area greater than 3' wide by 2' high), open fires for the purpose of clearing highway or utility rights-of-way, agency training, hot works in Wildfire Risk Areas, filming and research, disposal of empty explosives containers or fireworks or any other open fire not listed on this permit MUST be permitted through the Office of the Fire Marshal.

The Office of the Fire Marshal may be contacted at (909) 386-8400 for Grand Terrace and the Valley and Mountain Areas, (760) 995-8190 for Hesperia, Adelanto, Needles, Yucca Valley, Wrightwood and all Desert or River areas, (909) 428-8897 for the City of Fontana and (760) 955-5227 for the City of Victorville

## SCAQMD

- ☐ Recreational / Cooking Fire (30-day permit)
- ☐ Portable Outdoor Fireplace (1-year permit)
- ☐ Residential/Commercial Wood/Brush Waste (30-day permit)  
(Not allowed in SCAQMD)
- ☐ Tumbleweeds (Russian Thistle) (30-day permit)  
(Must have SCAQMD Permit prior to issuance of this permit)
- ☐ Agricultural Burn/Prescribed Burn (30-day permit)  
(Must have SCAQMD Permit prior to issuance of this permit)

## MDAQMD

- ☐ Recreational / Cooking Fire (30-day permit)
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## CERTIFICATION

- ☐ I certify that I own the property on which the open fire will be kindled (or have written permission from the property owner) and understand that a responsible adult is required to attend the fire until COMPLETELY out.
- ☐ I certify that I have read and understand the conditions that regulate the open fire for which I am permitted.
- ☐ I certify that I understand and agree that officers and investigators of the District may enter my property at any time the permitted fire is being kindled in order to determine if the fire is in compliance with permit conditions or to extinguish the fire if it is determined by the officer or investigator to be unsafe or illegal.
- ☐ I certify that I understand that (1) my failure to abide by the conditions of this permit, or (2) allowing any fire to spread to other combustibles or the property of another as a result of my negligence, may result in the recovery of all costs related to responding to, suppressing and investigating the fire cause, and/or administrative, civil or criminal penalties.

PERMITTEE NAME	PERMITTEE SIGNATURE	DATE
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## DISTRICT USE ONLY

DATE ISSUED	ISSUED BY	STATION	SHIFT	PHONE NUMBER	SIGNATURE	PERMIT EXPIRATION
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# OPEN FIRE CONDITIONS

## **Definitions:**

**BBQ PIT** – An outdoor fire in the ground with a fuel area no larger than 3' wide by 2' high specifically used to create coals for cooking.

**BONFIRE** – Any outdoor open fire (including fires normally considered recreational fires, BBQ Pits, or Portable Outdoor Fireplaces) with a fuel area larger than 3' wide by 2' high.

**PORTABLE OUTDOOR FIREPLACE** – A non-fixed fireplace (including Chimneaus) constructed of any non-combustible material with a fuel area of no more than 3' wide by 2' high.

**RECREATIONAL FIRE** – Any outdoor fire with a fuel area no larger than 3' wide by 2' high, is NOT contained in a portable outdoor fireplace, BBQ Grill/Pit, and is used for pleasure, religious, ceremonial, cooking, warmth, etc. This is the typical campfire or fire ring.

**WILDFIRE RISK AREA** - A Wildfire Risk Area is any area within a Fire Safety Overlay, an area designated by a City or Town as a Very High Fire Severity Zone, High Fire Hazard Area, No Fireworks Safety Zone or any other land so designated by the Fire Code Official.

## **General Conditions:**

- All fires must be located and conducted in a manner which does not present a hazard.
- Except for bonfires, all fuel areas shall be limited to 3' wide by 2' high.
- Fuels shall be limited to clean, dry wood or charcoal.
- Department staff can require that any fire be extinguished if a hazardous condition exists (such as flames are too high, the wind is blowing embers, extremely low humidity, etc.), or if the fire produces excessive, offensive or objectionable smoke.
- A minimum of a 4-A rated fire extinguisher and a water supply shall be immediately available (hose, water barrel, water truck, etc).
- All fires must be attended by a responsible adult, 18 years or older, at all times until extinguished.
- Spark arrestors shall be used on all outdoor fireplaces or any other fire using a chimney (including Chimneaus).
- Open Burning Projects, Residential/Commercial wood/brush burning, Bonfires and Barbecue Pits shall not be kindled in a Wildfire Risk Area or within unless specifically permitted.
- **Residential/Commercial wood/brush burning is prohibited within the South Coast Air Quality Management District boundaries.**
- Ashes/embers shall be placed only in a covered metal or other non-combustible container after being cooled with water. Ashes/embers shall not be placed in the trash, on the ground or on a combustible surface.
- **ALL Fires (except for BBQ's and recreational fires/portable outdoor fireplaces fueled by propane/natural gas) shall be prohibited and extinguished when winds exceed 10 mph, during Red Flag Warnings/Fire Weather Watches or when otherwise prohibited by the District and/or Federal or State agencies having jurisdiction.**
- On private property, permits shall only be issued to the property owner unless written permission from the owner is provided.
- Any fire where wire is burned to remove insulation, vehicles are burned to recover salvageable parts, trash, construction debris, treated wood, plastics, dead animals, tires, industrial wastes, hazardous materials/wastes, painted materials, rubber, furniture, equipment, cardboard, paper, or similar items are burned is **STRICTLY PROHIBITED**.
- Fires in Wildfire Risk Areas shall only be kindled on private property or a designated campsite.
- Open Burning within State Responsibility Areas (SRA), as well as Federal public lands (USFS/BLM) may require additional permits from the agency having jurisdiction.

## **Specific Conditions:**

### ***Open Burning Projects and Residential/Commercial Burning:***

- SCAQMD – No ignition prior to 10 am and fire shall be extinguished within 2 hours of sunset.
- MDAQMD – No ignition prior to 6 am, no ignition after Noon, no materials may be added to the fire after 3 pm, and fire shall be extinguished within 1 hour of sunset.
- **The permittee shall contact San Bernardino County Communications Center at (909) 356-3805 to determine if it is a Permissive Burn Day prior to ignition as well as to prevent a Vegetation Fire Response from local fire agencies.**
- All vegetation must be dried for the following periods prior to burning: Fuels 2" in diameter or greater – 6 weeks, Fuels 1" in diameter and less than 2" – 4 weeks, Fuels ¾" in diameter and less than 1" – 3 weeks, fuels less than ¼" – 10 days.
- **Burning in barrels is prohibited.**
- Burn piles shall be no more than 6' wide by 4' high
- Piles shall be located no closer than 50' from any structure or combustible materials. EXCEPTION: piles no more than 3' wide by 2' high may be located within 25' of a structure or combustibles.
- Piles shall be separated by a minimum of 10' and shall not be placed in a pit or depression.

### ***Bonfires:***

- **ALL Bonfires require a permit through the Office of the Fire Marshal.**
- **Bonfires are prohibited in Wildfire Risk Areas.** EXCEPTION: Within an organized camp or other location with the written permission by the Fire Code Official.
- Bonfires shall be located no closer than 50' from any structure or combustible materials.

### ***Recreational Fires:***

- **Recreational Fires confined to a permanent fire ring and fueled solely by natural gas or LPG/Propane DO NOT require a permit.**
- Recreational fires shall be located no closer than 25' from any structure or combustibles. EXCEPTION: This distance may be reduced to 15' when confined to a permanent fire ring and fueled solely by natural gas or LPG/Propane.

### ***Portable Outdoor Fireplaces:***

- **Permits are required ONLY when used in a Wildfire Risk Area.**
- **Portable Outdoor Fireplaces fueled solely by natural gas or LPG/Propane DO NOT require a permit.**
- **Portable Outdoor Fireplaces are PROHIBITED on combustible patios/balconies of multi-family dwellings (apartments, condos, hotels, etc.) unless the patio/balcony is protected by fire sprinklers.**
- Portable Outdoor Fireplaces shall be located no closer than 15' to a structure or combustible materials. EXCEPTION: Portable Outdoor Fireplaces used at a private, single-family residence may be located on patios, decks or balconies if the combustion area is not in direct contact with combustibles.

### ***BBQ Pits:***

- **BBQ Pits are prohibited in Wildfire Risk Areas.** EXCEPTION: Within an organized camp or other location with the written permission by the Fire Code Official.
- BBQ Pits shall be located no closer than 20' from any structure or combustible materials.

### ***Covered BBQs:***

- **BBQs do not require a permit.**
- **BBQs are PROHIBITED on combustible patios/balconies of multi-family dwellings (apartments, condos, hotels, etc.) unless the patio/balcony is protected by fire sprinklers.**

